

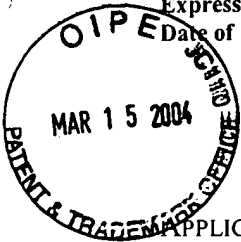
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FOR: Polypeptides and Polynucleotides Homologous to Thymosin, Ephrin A Receptors and Fibromodulin (as amended herein)

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

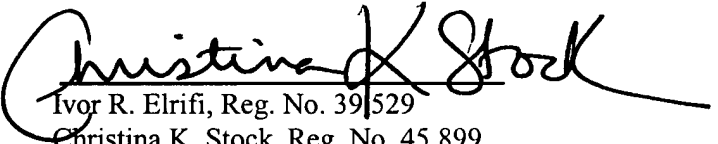
1. Amendment and Response to December 15, 2003 Office Action (6 pgs.);
2. Appendix A (2 pgs.);
3. Copy of Chan *et al.* (5 pgs.); and
4. Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-585CIP2.

Respectfully submitted,

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111
TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 15, 2003

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2003. The response is being duly filed by March 15, 2004. Thus Applicants believe that no fees is required. However in the event any fee is due, please charge it to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 15966-585CIP2 (CURA-85 CIP2).

An Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the listing of claims that begins on page 3.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4.